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SHEPHERDS OF THE AIR

Tending a flock in the remote highlands of New Guinea

A FLOCK of 1000 Romney Marsh sheep are growing fat on the green, lush grass of the New Guinea highlands.

No shepherd can reach them except by air, and their grazing grounds are so remote that a few years ago there was not a sheep anywhere in that part of the country.

It was in 1949 that 1000 sheep from Australia were flown over the precipitous ranges of central New Guinea to the Middle Wahgi Valley to start a sheep farm.

It cost £30,000 to transport the sheep. As they were landed from the aircraft in continuous relays the Wahgi people, tall, muscular men with thick fuzzy hair, formed a human fence so that the bewildered sheep should not stray and get lost in the wild, unfamiliar country.

Now, under the guidance of Neptune Blood, a young Australian pilot who has explored the central highlands, the sheep farm is doing well.

This flying shepherd's Romney Marsh sheep are tough, small

Shearers were flown in from Australia, and the fleeces were piled into the planes and flown back to Australia. Some of the wool was spun and woven on the spot in order that the people might see the full benefits of sheep-farming.

Eventually these shepherds of the air hope to hand over all their sheep to the care of the local people. Many of them are making excellent shepherds, and are learning to use the tools that the white man uses.

Before the sheep and their shepherds dropped out of the sky the only cutting tool known to the highland people was a slate axe. Now they know what a sharp pair of shears can do with a fleece of wool.

But perhaps their chief wonder is that the sheep are there at all, on pastures 5000 feet high, and 15,000 miles away from their place of origin on Romney Marsh in Kent.

LOTS OF FIVERS

The latest report of the Bank of England states that there are fewer 10s. notes in circulation than formerly, but more £5 notes.

The value of £5 notes in February was £172,957,000, more than ever before and a rise of £20,000,000 on the previous year. This compares with a total of £38,000,000 in pre-war days.

The 10s. notes used to represent 11 per cent of the whole note issue, but now they are only six per cent. £1 notes represent 76 per cent of the total issue.

STORYTELLING BUS

Children in country places around Dunedin, New Zealand, are enjoying for the first time a Storytelling Bus, complete with storyteller.

Wherever it stops eager children are waiting for its arrival, and are admitted for an hour to listen to stories. Then they leave and the bus moves on to another place.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

A Canadian farmer was rather worried about his farm during the time he was in hospital. But he need not have been—he had good neighbours.

When he got back home he found they had joined forces and with four tractors had seeded 181 acres for him in under three days.



Callers

While their cabin cruiser was moored in the River Avon near Bredon, the Barwell family made friends with a family of ducks.

HIS OWN CANOE

Fifteen-year-old Jack Rawnsley has built a 13-foot canoe in the front room of his home at Leeds. It took three months of his spare time.

It is a rigid, non-folding craft, with a waterproof fabric top and a plastic laminated hull. It weighs 40 lbs. and is to be launched at Kearby Sands.

Jack is now planning a suitable trailer on which to tow the canoe behind the bicycle he has made.

TAKEN LITERALLY

A cat with a litter of four kittens was discovered in a Leicester wastepaper bin the other day. The bin was labelled "Leave your litter here."

MYSTERY OF SNAPPY THE TORTOISE

An unusual mystery story began, earlier this summer, when five-year-old Billy Johnson found a box tortoise on his grandfather's farm at West Kingston, near Wyoming in Rhode Island, U.S.A.

Carved on its shell were two sets of initials and dates: E B K 1844; and G V B July 22, 1860.

Billy took it home and called it Snappy. But news of the dated tortoise came to the ears of American zoologists, and experts from New York's Bronx Zoo set to work to solve the mystery of its true age.

First of all they decided that Snappy had probably never moved far from the place where he was found, for a tortoise will often spend its entire life within an area of 250 yards radius.

Snappy had been found in an extensive patch of blueberries, one of the favourite foods of this kind of tortoise.

Next the naturalists made inquiries in the West Kingston district for some past resident with

the initials E B K who made a figure 4 like the one on Snappy's shell.

They discovered that round about 1844 most people in the neighbourhood wrote their "fours" in this particular way. Then an old man pointed out a gravestone commemorating Edward B. Kenyon, 1825-1900; and this Edward Kenyon had an uncle who once owned the farm where Snappy lived.

So the mystery of the tortoise's age was solved. The first date of 1844 was genuine, and as he must have been at least 20 when it was inscribed on his shell, he cannot be less than 129—one of the oldest creatures still alive.

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A shepherd and his flock on a New Guinea stamp

sheep with wiry legs that seem to be made for the rugged country of New Guinea, which 20 years ago was unknown to the outside world.

It was then that the Leahy brothers, Mick, Dan, and Jim, while prospecting for gold, stumbled across the fertile highlands extending from Geroka, 150 miles from the East Coast, to the Dutch New Guinea border.

HOUSES BY AIR

Their news of fertile land started a rush of squatters, but the Government wisely prohibited this until six years ago, when the first farmers and shepherds went up by air.

Everything in that region depends on air freightage. Houses, building wood, stores of all kinds have to be flown into the Wahgi Valley air strip.

Neptune Blood, the chief shepherd of the air, has now accustomed the local people to the flying departures and arrivals, and to the strange cargoes which come out of planes.

At first the people thought the sheep were for food only—the first meat they had ever tasted. But Neptune Blood and his assistants taught them that the wool was even more valuable.

TURKEY HOLDS FAST TO HER FREEDOM

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

THE Turks have been having a good time this month, with holiday parties and entertainments for important guests from abroad. But, as sometimes happens in private life after parties, Turkey has had complaints from a neighbour.

It all began when ships of the American Fleet and then ships of the British Fleet paid courtesy visits to Istanbul. The Turks honoured their friends with festivals, lunches, dances, games.

They even arranged for the British to play a cricket match, which the Turks themselves regard as a curious way of spending a sunny afternoon.

One might think there was little reason in all this for stern rebukes from a neighbour. But rebukes there have been, in the form of diplomatic notes of protest from Russia, who considers that far too many units of foreign navies have been coming into ports of the Black Sea straits.

A DEMONSTRATION

The notes said plainly that the visits were regarded as a military demonstration, aimed against Russia. Perhaps, too, the Soviet were anxious lest the visits of the fleets had an unsettling effect on Bulgaria and Rumania, two satellite countries bordering the Black Sea, who might envy Turkey her independence.

Turkey, in her turn, felt she had reason to be a little annoyed at Russia's peremptory manner. Her answer, perfectly diplomatic, was nevertheless very firm.

"The frequency of naval visits could only be interpreted as felicitous evidence of the friendly ties binding Turkey to the countries to which these fleets belong," her Government wrote to Moscow, and went on to make it plain that Russian interference with Turkey's friendships with other countries was entirely unwarranted.

Of course, exchanges of notes such as this nearly always arise because important national policies are involved. Was Russia right to object to these summer festivities?

MONTREUX CONVENTION

Under international agreement, the Montreux Convention, governing the number of warships which may enter the Black Sea straits on courtesy visits, Turkey indubitably had full right to entertain guests.

The Russians, however, have long detested this Convention—due to expire in 1956—which was signed by the Western Powers. Moscow is hopeful of persuading Turkey to enter a new agreement binding Russian and Turkish interests together.

In this light, the Soviet notes may be the first moves in a campaign to prepare a new treaty.

Turkey would have no strong objections to reaching a new agreement—provided that the Western Powers were not excluded.

As a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation—and a highly important one at that—Turkey is proud of her place in the community of free nations. But she is determined not to sacrifice her freedom of action.

For a hundred years now, ever

since the Crimean War, the Turks have suspected Russia of trying to gain control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. If that ever happened the Turks feel it would mean an end to their independence.

In the past 50 years they have turned more and more towards the West for inspiration and friendship. Out of the pre-war dictatorship of Kemal Ataturk, the stern patriot, there has developed a youthful form of Parliamentary government. It is still growing under the confident leadership of the sturdy and energetic Adnan Menderes, who came to power in 1950, after the first free elections Turkey had ever known.

Undaunted by difficulties from outside, Adnan Menderes pursues a policy intended to make Turkey ever stronger and more self-reliant. And so successful has he been that Turkey has become a bastion of freedom in the Middle East.

Number One Schoolboy



David Green of Rotherhithe is only seven, yet he has been referred to as Number One Schoolboy of London. David won first prize in an essay competition organised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and has been made an ensign of the Order of the Knights of the Road.

CAMPING AT SCHOOL

As an encouragement to young people to take an interest in open-air pursuits, the West Riding Education Committee have agreed to meet half the cost of equipping five more schools with lightweight camping gear.

The five schools are at Armthorpe, Norton, Wath, Silsden, and Harrogate.

NEVER ABSENT

Brian Chilcott, aged 13½, of Brushford, Somerset, has to walk two miles to school at Dulverton and back each day.

In seven years Brian has not been absent once, his mileage being estimated at more than 6000. At the Speech Day he was presented with his seventh successive certificate for 100 per cent attendance.

EXPENSIVE SAUCERS

Two saucers were sold for £65 at a sale at Meldon, Devon. Three other saucers were sold for £68, and two plates for £30.

They were fine old Chelsea ware.

EDINBURGH'S FESTIVAL

Lucky are those people who can spend a holiday in Edinburgh during the International Festival of Music and Drama, which opens next Sunday and continues in an ecstatic whirl of artistic events until September 12.

Well may all Britain be proud of this great feast of beauty for the eye and ear, which puts Edinburgh in large letters on the cultural map of the world. At least 250,000 visitors are expected in the "Athens of the North."

Among the most eagerly awaited events are the first stage performance in Britain of Stravinsky's opera, *The Rake's Progress*, to be given in the King's Theatre by the Glyndebourne Opera Company, and the world premiere of T. S. Eliot's new play, *The Confidential Clerk*, in which Margaret Leighton is to appear, at the Lyceum Theatre.

FOR BALLET LOVERS

Other exciting "first-timers" are the British stage premiere at the Gateway Theatre of *It is Midnight*, Dr. Schweitzer, and the performance of two short ballets, *Circo de Espana* and *Schumann Concerto*, by the American National Ballet Theatre.

Further treats for lovers of ballet will be a visit of Pilar Lopez's Spanish Ballet, which is coming especially from Madrid, and a new ballet, *Carte Blanche*, created for the Festival by the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet.

Two French companies are to appear at the Lyceum Theatre—*Le Théâtre National Populaire*, who will present Molière's *L'Avare* and Shakespeare's *Richard II*; and the *Compagnie de Mime*, giving a programme of mimes with music.

Among the many delights awaiting the music-lovers are the Rome Symphony Orchestra under Fernando Previtali and Vittorio Gui, and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Bruno Walter and Wilhelm Furtwangler.

BRITISH ORCHESTRAS

The BBC Symphony, the Philharmonia, Scottish National, and National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain under Sir Adrian Boult are also giving concerts.

Several of the concerts will celebrate Four Centuries of the Violin, commemorating two composers who contributed notably to its development: Viotto, who was born 200 years ago this year, and Corelli, born 300 years ago.

Among the outstanding instrumentalists taking part are Isaac Stern, Yehudi Menuhin, Gioconda de Vito, Max Rostal, and William Primrose.

In addition to these many fascinating musical and dramatic occasions, there is the spectacular Military Tattoo, staged in searchlight on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. Among several exhibitions, the most important are one of the work of Renoir and another of Byzantine Frescoes from Yugoslavia.

This is indeed an international Festival with international audiences and international artists taking part in no fewer than 142 performances.

News from Everywhere

EVEREST LECTURE

The first illustrated lecture on the ascent of Everest is to be held by the Royal Geographical Society and the Alpine Club at the Festival Hall in London on September 15.

When Mrs. Emily Neal of Canada visited Leicester she completed the reunion of seven sisters whose ages totalled 521 years.

Mr. Clement Davies will preside over 400 delegates from 25 countries when they meet in Copenhagen at the end of the month to discuss a revision of the United Nations Charter.

THE SQUATTERS

Two pigeons nested in the office of Westgate (Kent) Chamber of Commerce and hatched their eggs, sitting through committee meetings unperturbed. A window was constantly left open for them to pass in and out.

A cat made its way 120 miles from Liverpool to its old home at Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

A decorated fountain installed by Woolwich Borough Council at the entrance of the town hall as part of the Coronation celebrations is to become a permanent feature.

WALKING HOME

A pigeon which did not return from a 480-mile race was found walking along the road towards its loft eight miles away at Dunston, near Stafford.

SEA DEFENCE

The largest sea-wall repair scheme in the country is nearing completion on a 14-mile stretch of the shore between Kirton, Lincolnshire, and the mouth of the River Nene. Costing £160,000, it will protect 35,000 acres of farmland.

NO PARKING

Three motor-cars left unattended on the treacherous sands of Muriwai Beach, near Auckland, N.Z., have been swallowed up in the past few months. Altogether nine cars have disappeared in this way during the past year.

Sea horses which have been bred in tanks at New Plymouth, N.Z., are believed to be the first to be reared in this way anywhere in the world.

CONDUCTOR'S COURSE

An international course of instruction for orchestral conductors has been held by the Netherlands Radio Union in Hilversum.

In a recent issue of the CN it was stated that a musical evening would be held at the Geffrye Museum, Shoreditch, on August 31. This date should have read August 13.

In order to preserve the amenities of the South Downs, a pumping station being erected by the Eastbourne Waterworks Company will have the appearance of a Sussex barn.



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DRIVING ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Over a hundred cars from America, Britain, and other countries will start at the end of this month on a 6500-mile trial in Australia, said to be the world's most difficult endurance test.

The hazardous route, crossing lonely desert plains, tremendously hot by day and bitterly cold by night, is from Sydney along the Australian coast to Townsville in Queensland, then on to Darwin in tropical Northern Territory. After a 36-hour halt there, the drivers will cross the continent to Adelaide, thence to Melbourne, and back again to Sydney.

Many types of cars will compete in the trials—from 1925 models to 1953 luxury touring cars. Some entries will have two-way radio in case of breakdown.

PLAQUE THAT SAYS THANK YOU

Royal Dutch Airlines have presented a silver plaque to the citizens of Albury, halfway between Melbourne and Sydney, as a token of appreciation for the help given to one of their planes in 1934.

The Dutch airliner was flown by Captain Parmentier and Captain Moll in the handicap section of the London-Melbourne air race.

Carrying a full load of passengers it was heard over Albury at night. People drove their cars to the racecourse and ringed an area with headlights, thus providing illumination for a safe landing.

Next morning the aircraft left for Melbourne and won the race.

SEA TRACTORS

The first of five immersible tractors being built by a Leeds firm for the Royal National Life-boat Institution is now in use at Hoylake, Cheshire.

These sea-tractors, powered by a 95-h.p. diesel engine, are able to tow a lifeboat on its carriage right into the sea for launching. By turning a wheel the tractor becomes completely waterproof in four seconds.

PLAGUE HEROES REMEMBERED

Pilgrims from many parts of the country will be at the Derbyshire village of Eyam on Sunday, August 30, for a memorial service to the villagers who during a dreadful epidemic in 1665-6 heroically stayed to die of plague rather than run away and carry the risk of infection elsewhere.

Chief among the heroes were the Revd. William Mompesson and the Revd. Thomas Stanley, who stayed and ministered devotedly to their plague-stricken parishioners.

During those dreadful days, when 259 out of 350 village folk died, the church was closed and services were held in a limestone grotto in a lovely glen. Here on August 30 the Revd. F. P. Crosse, Rector of Morton, in Derbyshire, will preach the commemoration sermon.

Among the worshippers will be visitors from Eakring Church in Nottinghamshire. This was the parish to which noble William Mompesson went three years after the Plague, and where he had to live in a hut and preach under an ash tree until his timid new flock were convinced that he was free from infection.

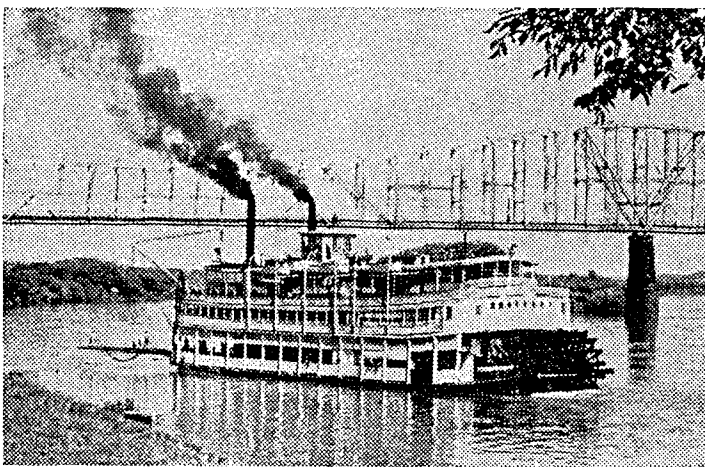
B-P MEMENTOS

Mementos of the years when Lord Baden-Powell was Commander of the Northumbrian Territorials stationed at Richmond Castle, Yorkshire, have been presented to the Richmond Corporation by Lady Baden-Powell.

They include a design for a Scout uniform drawn by B.-P. on a sheet of Richmond Castle notepaper; some pages from his diaries of the time; and an oil painting of the view over Swaledale as seen from his rooms in the castle.

YOUNGEST ANGLER

Three-year-old John Gill of Huntingdon must surely be the youngest prize-winning angler in Britain. The other day he entered his first competition and won a prize with a catch weighing 1½ ounces.



Last of the showboats

The wood-burning, stern-wheeled showboats which used to entertain riverside dwellers in America have gone, the only one left being the 50-year-old Avalon, here seen drawing into the bank of the River Ohio at Marietta.

RADIO DOWN ON THE FARM

The use of radio as an aid to farmers has been the subject of a conference at Broadcasting House.

Delegates from 18 European countries studied the value of radio as a means of educating the townsman in the problems of the countryside, and examined the methods of supplying urgent news of the weather, market reports, and the teaching of new techniques.

The delegates also saw television programmes on agricultural subjects, visited Rothamsted Experimental Station, and spent a day on a Kentish farm.

Summing up the conference, the Chairman (Mr. John Green of the BBC) remarked that the meeting was another step towards raising standards of life among the people of rural Europe.

RETURN TO THE START

Imagine going back to the start of civilisation!

Such a thing happened 50 years ago to the Danish explorer Gustav Holm, who, hearing a rumour about the existence of a savage Eskimo cannibal tribe living in Stone Age conditions on the east coast of Greenland, decided to find them.

Battling through the worst climate on Earth, Holm found Arimagssalik, a village which was exactly the same as those reconstructed by archaeologists. The story of this amazing village and what has since happened to the tribe is one of many articles in the September issue of World Digest, on sale August 21, price 1s. 3d.

TO SCHOOL IN COMFORT

When Whitby's new county modern school is opened next month children from isolated moorland farms will go by taxi to their village stations and thence by train to Whitby. Then a bus will take them a mile to the new school.

HOME OF THE GRIZZLY

The death of California's last grizzly bear has been announced.

It was estimated that there were 10,000 of them in the State a century ago. Today the last stronghold of the grizzly is in the mountains of British Columbia.

KENT'S EARLIEST CHRISTIANS

Part of a country road in Kent is to be moved so that further excavations can be made on the site of the oldest Christian place of worship yet discovered in Britain. It is a domestic chapel in the Roman villa found a few years ago at Lullingstone.

Evidence of the existence of the chapel was revealed by the piecing-together of over 5000 fragments of painted wall plaster. The pictures thus restored were traditional Christian signs and a row of praying figures, dating back more than 200 years before St. Augustine arrived and converted the Anglo-Saxons.

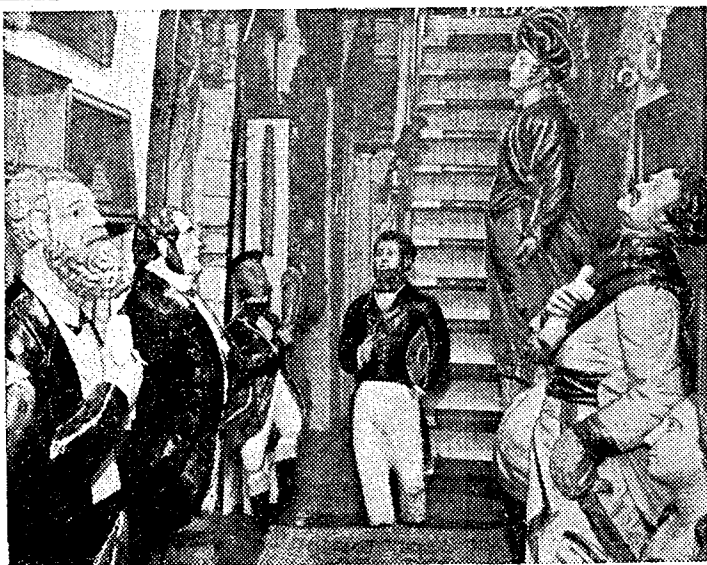
The next step is to explore the contents of the sanctuary end of the chapel, under the modern road.

TENSING'S BROTHER

A proud man these days is Shamsa Singh Kawas, bandmaster of the Nyasaland African Police Band, for he is the brother of Tensing, one of the conquerors of Mount Everest.

At one time Kawas was a bandmaster of an Indian Gurkha regiment, and during the war was sent to Nyasaland to train the band there.

A tale he is often called upon to tell is of how Tensing early developed a love for the mountains and, while still a boy, ran away from home to become a Himalayan guide and the most famous of them all.



Figureheads for the Cutty Sark

A collection of figureheads from ships of the days of sail has been presented to the Cutty Sark Preservation Society by a benefactor known as "Captain Long John Silver." The figureheads will be set up in the Cutty Sark when the famous old ship is in her final dry berth at Greenwich.

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IT'S FUN TO BE IN MUSIC CAMP

"There is nothing in the world quite like this; I can't praise it too much," said Yehudi Menuhin's sister Hephzibah, after spending three days at Music Camp in Victoria and playing concertos with the camp orchestras.

Every summer 100 young people from all over Australia gather at Geelong Grammar School for a stimulating holiday at Music Camp.

This adventure in music, founded five years ago by Professor John Bishop of Adelaide University, teaches young musicians a love of concerted playing and shows them also the importance of music's place in life.

The finest instrumental tutors join in the friendly camp life, and in three weeks the youngsters learn more than they do in six months of ordinary tuition. Many students come from outback areas, where they have no opportunity of hearing first-class musicians playing, or of having the companionship of other music-minded young people.

Music Camp is open to all students who have reached the standard of ensemble playing.

The emphasis is on team work and on encouraging, not musical prodigies, but the keen and enthusiastic youngster. Fees are moderate and scholarships are awarded to those who need help.

Every morning there are sessions of tuition and rehearsal which are compulsory, but the afternoon programmes of study and the evening concerts are optional.

Everyone takes turns at bed-making and washing-up, but cook-



A class at work in the Music Camp

ing and heavy work are done by the school staff. Sport, such as tennis and surf bathing, helps to balance recreation with work.

Music Camp is greatly helped by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, which releases key players from its orchestras to act as tutors. It also makes regular broadcasts of the Camp symphony orchestra.



By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and Television Correspondent

Once a spotter . . .

MR. L. ELLIOTT FLETCHER is proof that engine-spotting is not confined to young people. In a talk in the Home Service next Friday morning, entitled *Confessions of an Elderly Spotter*, this 51-year-old businessman will tell how, all his life, railways engines have fascinated him.

On his frequent train journeys between London and Edinburgh he likes to stand in the corridor timing the train's speed with a stop-watch and spotting all the engine numbers he can.

"It may be a useless hobby," says Mr. Fletcher, "but it has always given me pleasure, so I suppose it is profitable."

Model broadcast

BBC commentator Raymond Baxter will have to choose from models worth £50,000 when he visits the Model Engineer Exhibition at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on August 25 and takes Light Programme listeners on a 15-minute tour.

Items he will certainly not miss will be the Grand Prix motor track, the indoor lake with radio-controlled ships, and a complete scale model railway.

Toughy on TV

Two boys and a girl will "splash" their way through many adventures on a Thames tug-boat in the new Children's TV serial which begins next Tuesday.

It will be called *Dominator*, London (the name of the tug), and film shots have already been taken on the Thames below Greenwich.

The boy who gets into scrapes is "Toughy" Wren, played by Timothy Reynolds; his sister Sally is played by Glenda Davis; and a public schoolboy, Jimmy Spurgeon, is played by Shaun Barrett.

Aquabatics

A water tug-of-war will be televised from the Ilford Baths on Friday in a Water Carnival arranged by the Amateur Swimming Association. The de Robben Club of Hilversum will be competing against leading British swimmers.

The match, which will be continued on Saturday, will include a water steeplechase as well as ordinary swimming races and diving.

Emergency calls

RESCUE work against difficult odds is the favourite subject of Stephen Grenfell, the South African broadcaster who recently won high praise for his exciting series, *Special Duty*. These vivid glimpses of men and women aiding their fellow men in emergency will be continued in the autumn.

Grenfell tells me that forthcoming episodes will include a fire at sea, the saving by helicopter of a soldier in Malaya stricken with polio, and a Welsh mountain rescue in which two young climbers were hauled to safety from a pot-hole between the rocks.

AMBER IS FAVOURITE AT CHILDREN'S ZOO

By Craven Hill, C.N. Correspondent at Regent's Park

HOSTESSES at the Children's Zoo are making a big effort to tame as many wild animals as possible this season. These animals, most of them from the British countryside, create much interest, and most children love to handle them.

To date, the girls' greatest success is Amber, a young vixen, who was caught last year in Bethnal Green by the police, and brought to Regent's Park. As no claimants came forward for her, Amber has remained in the Children's Zoo, and now she is so tame that she can safely be nursed like a lap-dog. Scores of children pet and feed her daily.

Incidentally, Amber now has a rival of her own kind in the enclosure. This is Tawny, a young fox found by a farmer near Whippsnade. Although not yet as reliable as Amber, Tawny, too, is shaping well.

THE Zoo is indebted to a school-boy of Radlett, Hertfordshire, for its latest arrival, a young kingfisher.

The lad found the bird, which had an injured wing, beside a stream and took it to the nearest bird-lover he knew—a local clergyman. Feeling that the care of the bird was beyond him, the clergyman telephoned the Zoo and arranged for the kingfisher to be sent there for treatment.

"The wing injury is not serious—it looks rather as though the bird had been seized by some small mammal," an official tells me.

When fit enough to fly, the kingfisher may, I hear, be released on the Three Island Pond, the Zoo's tree-dotted waterfowl enclosure.

THE Reptile House just now has two special problems.

At the laboratory, situated on the roof of the building, sparrows in search of food for their young have become very troublesome. Each morning scores of the birds fly around the lab, seeking for an opening, and many get inside.

"The birds are attracted by the mealworms and fly larvae which

are set out on tables and which they can see through the glass windows," Mr. Jack Lester, the curator, told me.

"We have released many of them fairly promptly, but the problem is a real one, especially in hot weather. There is, of course, a high temperature in the lab, and if we keep all windows closed the heat gets unbearable.

"In the hope of keeping some of the birds at bay we have placed a caged parrot near the main window. He cannot hurt the sparrows, of course, but the noise he makes helps to keep away the more timid of the raiders."

GATE-CRASHERS of another kind are becoming a problem in the public corridors downstairs.

These are spiders, but fortunately they are easier to deal with. To help to keep their numbers down, a dozen Madeira wall lizards have been set free.

"The chief nuisance caused by the spiders is that they have been spinning webs across the fanlights so fast that as soon as keepers have been able to clear them away, others go up," Mr. Lester said.

"But we don't think the trouble will persist. Spiders are most acceptable to wall lizards. As soon as they have cleared the place these energetic little hunters will be returned to their cages."

MYSTERY OF THE LEMMINGS

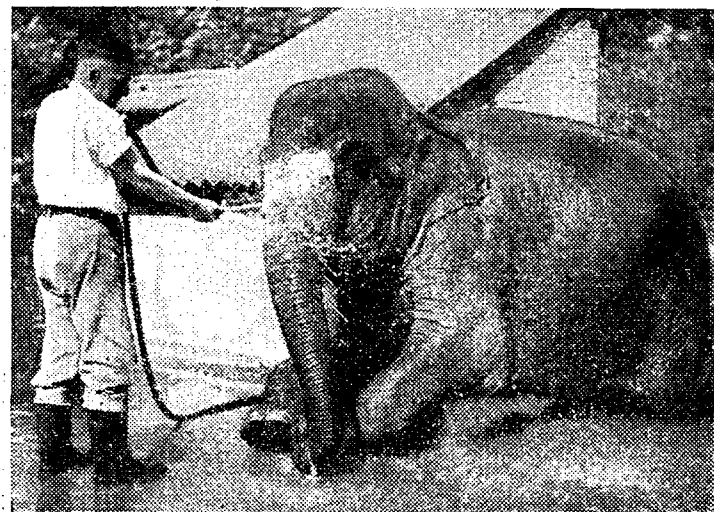
In Alaska, not long ago, vast hordes of lemmings rushed into the sea and were drowned.

These small furry animals, about the size of rats, from time to time migrate in hundreds of thousands, and their journey always ends in the sea. Those in Alaska plunged into the Arctic Ocean.

It is thought that a shortage of vegetation starts the migration, and certainly in Alaska there has been a great dearth of the roots they eat. But their final plunge to destruction remains one of Nature's mysteries.



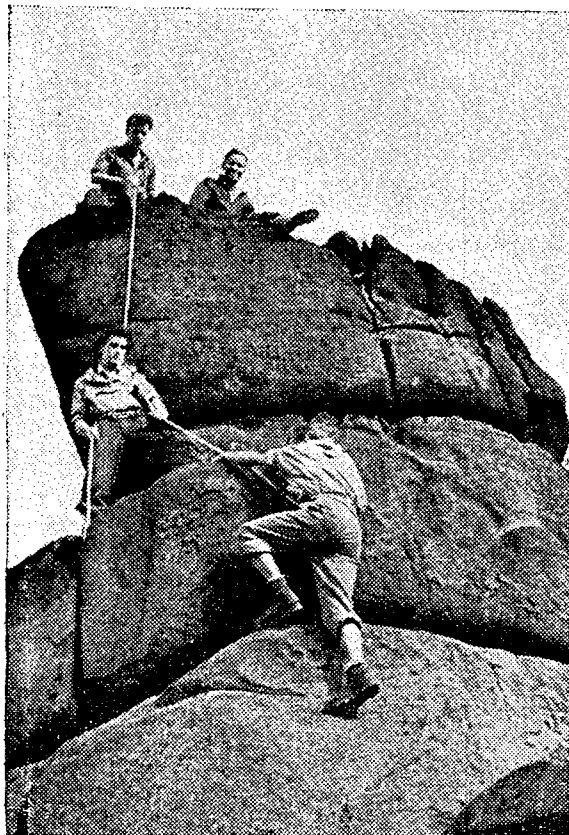
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Water for Rusty

Rusty, the Ceylon elephant at the London Zoo, appears to be enjoying the shower provided by Headkeeper Buck Jones.

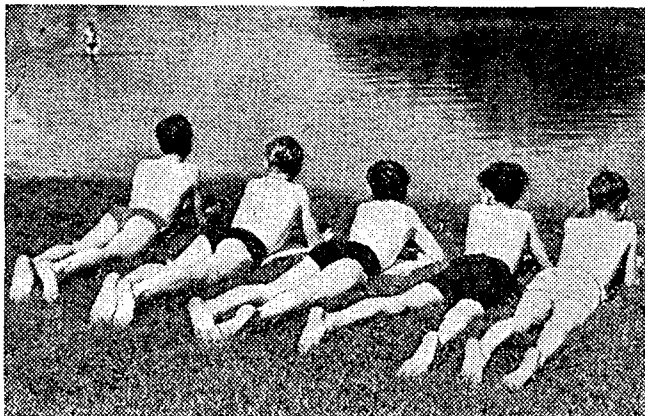
BEGONE DULL CARE—THIS IS HOLIDAY TIME



Climbing Catcliffe Tor, in Derbyshire



Answering the call of the sea at Hastings



Sunbathing after a dip in the Thames at Runnymede



Prince William and Prince Richard at Battersea



Rambling and sightseeing in the Lake District



All the fun of a sing-song under canvas



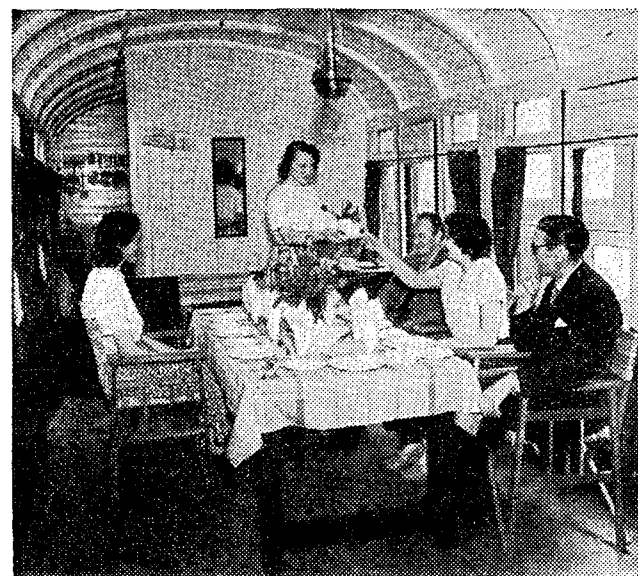
Queue to go down the chute at a swimming pool



Refreshment for cyclists near Ambleside



Off to paddle her own canoe on the river



Quite at home in a Railway Camping Coach

Children's Newspaper

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CURTAIN OF PAPER

THE Council of Europe feel that it is high time to start tearing down the "paper curtain" that partitions one country from another.

They are suggesting that passports, visas, and all such forms should be gradually abolished, and that there should be fewer regulations and formalities at the various frontiers.

Hundreds of thousands of people in Britain like to take holidays on the Continent; countless more would do so if it were made easier by the removal of the "paper curtain."

Britain in return should make it easier for visitors to these shores.

This month of August would be a happier one for holiday-makers abroad if they did not have to endure the irritations of passport queues, the crush at barriers where papers have to be shown, and the tiresome formalities on the threshold of the visited country.

Much of this restriction has grown up as a result of the two world wars; but it is time for the nations to discuss it, and if possible to get rid of it.

Travel is vital to better understanding between the nations. It should be encouraged, not discouraged, so we hope the Council of Europe will succeed in taking down at least some of the "paper curtain."

Under the Editor's Table

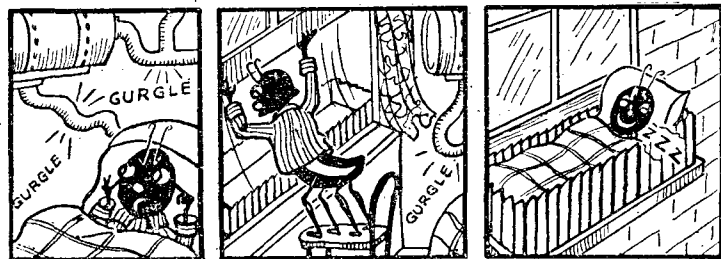
Some people are always ready to pick a quarrel. They should turn on the radio.

Dogs with short faces are said to dislike hot weather. It gives them long faces.

At the Royal Welsh Show some fine horses drew a large crowd. But not in a cart.

People like to get tanned at the seaside. But not browned-off.

BILLY BEETLE



BOOK SAVES COW

MANY and varied are the benefits of the County Library Service, but seldom as curious as in an instance related by Mr. E. W. Fryer, County Librarian of the East Riding.

In his quarterly report he states that it is impossible to assess the value of book-reading to the community, and that the benefits of reading a particular book come to light only occasionally.

He goes on: "Members of the library staff visiting a small village library recently were therefore somewhat surprised to be told that a book from the library on Mineral Nutrition of Plants and Animals had saved the life of a cow. From an illustration in the book, the owner realised that his sick cow was suffering from a deficiency of phosphate."

Great Seal of the Realm



The new Great Seal, designed by Mr. Gilbert Ledward, R.A. One side shows the Queen enthroned and with Sceptre and Orb; the other depicts her in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief, Grenadier Guards.

Odd welcome

TWO neighbouring signs at Southampton docks cause much amusement among visitors.

One reads: SOUTHAMPTON — THE GATEWAY TO ENGLAND. The other, at the end of a one-way street, clearly states: NO ENTRY.

The trials of being a film star

THAT the life of a young film star is not all honey is shown by the harrowing experience of nine-year-old French actor Christian Fourcade.

Christian plays a leading part in the Paramount film, Little Boy Lost, in which he appears as a spindly-legged, hungry war orphan. But on the "set" people would keep giving him candy and popcorn, and it was feared he would fill out.

So he was put on a diet, and a person ironically named his "companion" was appointed to intercept any further presents of sweets.

Fame certainly brings penalties; most of us are able to munch all the sweets we can pay for. Perhaps we ought to be thankful for obscurity.

LOVELY WEEDS

A WEED Show sounds the answer to many gardeners' dreams; and one that was held in a Yorkshire village proved a highly successful method of raising funds for the church.

Local cultivators paid 2d. a weed to enter, and vied with each other in producing a rich display of dandelions, docks, willow herb, and the like, the winner being a 13-year-old girl with an outside thistle.

There must be many gardeners in other parts of the country who would welcome an opportunity to display the results of their own eternal struggle against the bad herbs, as our French neighbours harshly term them.

Showers £25 apiece

DROPPING pellets of dry ice into a rain cloud, and spraying its base with water, have proved successful rain-making methods in Northern Australia. They work every time, according to Dr. Bowen, of the Dominion's Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

These man-made showers, however, are rather expensive; to deal with a cloud that will give rain over some 50 square miles costs about £25, so scientists are now trying to work out cheaper ways of applying these methods. But here in the Old Country far higher sums would be willingly paid to a scientist who could keep rain at bay.

Thirty Years Ago

THE streets of London are becoming impassable. Every month sees an increase in the number of vehicles on the roads, and the waste of time for millions is so serious that it is not an exaggeration to say that each day witnesses the waste of many years of time.

What it means in money has been variously estimated, but it must amount to millions of pounds a year.

And more than time and money are wasted. Hundreds of lives are lost and thousands of people become cripples every year, so that the matter is no light one, and calls urgently for action.

From the Children's Newspaper, August 25, 1923

Places of interest

A PARTY of Boy Scouts from Dingwall, Ross-shire, spent a week camping at Edinburgh and went on excursions to various places of interest, including the Castle, the Zoological Gardens, and the Palace of Holyrood.

On their return home they were asked which was their most interesting outing, and the unanimous reply was, "The visit to the ice-cream factory!"

Think on These Things

CHAPTER 28 of the Book of Genesis tells how Jacob made a wonderful discovery.

One night, while journeying in a strange place, he made his bed on the ground, using stones for pillows. It was a lonely spot, far from human habitation, but he fell asleep and dreamed that Heaven opened and on a ladder, which reached to Earth, angels ascended and descended to guard the place where he lay.

In his dream he made the wonderful discovery that God was near him, and that in that lonely place was the abode of God and "the Gate of Heaven."

We can all make that wonderful discovery, wherever we are. F.P.

THEY SAY . . .

AMONG some employers there has grown up a tendency to advertise for a man with all the experience in the world but who has not lived long enough to get that experience.

Mr. R. Langford, of the Ministry of Labour

I HAVE gained an enormous knowledge of very many countries. My difficulty is to know to which country each item applies. Mr. Adlai Stevenson

IT is essential to keep the personal touch between the pupil and teacher and teacher and parent. This close contact has existed in the village school, and the problem today in the modern world of mass production and large schools is to find new methods of fostering it.

Minister of Education

NEVER let your language go. I myself am of Cornish ancestry and I deplore the decline of the Cornish language and its cultural influence.

Mr. R. A. Butler, to Welsh people

ROADMANSHIP is a combination of good road conduct, intelligent anticipation, and good road manners. Lord Leathers

Out and about

NO wonder sea-anemones are called after a flower. Lovely they look in the rock pools and it is hard to realise that they are hungry little living creatures.

Put a worm or a shrimp close to one, and those pretty petals will move and seize it, for they are tentacles covered on the inner side with stinging hairs which are dug into the prey and numb it with a special poison.

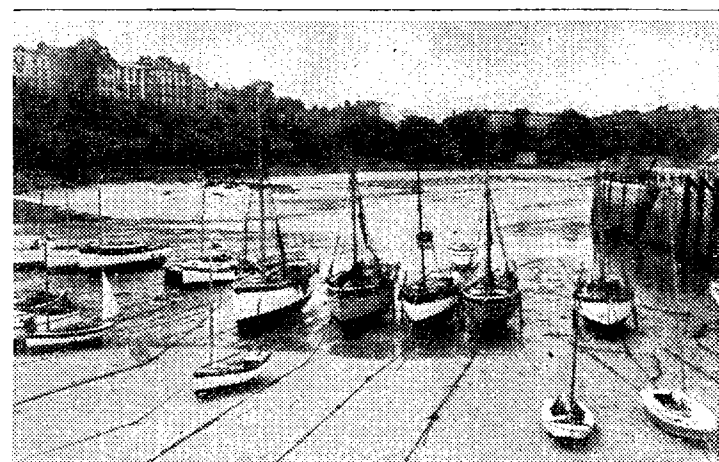
The centre of this lovely little "flower" is a mouth, ready to receive the prey from the tentacles.

Considering how well the sea-anemone grabs its food, it is strange to think that it has no brain and no eyes. Some anemones split into two parts that become complete anemones. Other kinds of anemones grow inside the parent, and when their tentacles have developed simply swim out of the parent's mouth.

C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Charles Spurgeon said: Always taking out and never putting back empties the biggest sack.



OUR HOMELAND

Low tide at Tenby in Pembrokeshire

LEARNING TO BE A FARMER

Continuing the story of the progress of young Ian Farley, who has won a scholarship to an agricultural college.

8. Handling a combine harvester

RETURNING to College after the holidays, Ian found that a great deal had been happening during the month he had been away.

The corn was almost ripe, the potatoes and roots were practically full-grown, some more calves had been born, and a lot of the lambs had been sent away to market.

His main concern, however, was with the corn harvest, for it was his turn for duty at the College workshops where they were getting the machinery ready for cutting the corn.

Ian could not help noticing that nearly all the machines they dealt with were rather old and needed a

know exactly how they work.

"That's why you seldom see any new machines here. In fact, we make a special point of buying old implements simply for you to pull to bits and put together again.

"For example, there's an old combine harvester there that cuts and threshes the corn all in the one operation. At the moment it's not working, but during the next week you lads will have that machine to pieces and in operation again.

"By the time you've done that you'll know more about combine harvesters than if you'd spent a month sitting mowing corn on a new one."



A combine harvester at work

great deal of attention before they were serviceable.

"I should have thought," he said to the Machinery Instructor, "that at a college like this you would have had the most modern and up-to-date implements instead of this rather battered equipment."

"That's what everyone says," replied the instructor, "but our main object here is to teach you lads how to repair the type of machinery you are likely to meet on an average farm.

"If we had all new machinery here, it would be very nice to work with, but it wouldn't be of much help to you after you leave here and, more than likely, have to make do with rather old stuff.

"Take these old machines here now. By the time you've got them working you'll have almost taken them to pieces and put them together again. As a result, you'll

For the next week Ian and a few of the other boys were very busy overhauling the combine harvester, and they were extremely pleased with themselves when they took it out into a field of barley, to find that it worked perfectly.

"It certainly saves a lot of hard work at harvest time," said Ian, as he watched the combine harvester cutting the corn and threshing it, the straw coming out at one end and the grain at the other.

"Why, we'll have this field finished by tonight, whereas by the old methods it would take us that long just to cut it—and then we'd have to cart it to the barn and thresh it later."

"Ah, yes," said the instructor, "but we've not finished with that grain yet. It has to be dried before it can be stored, and then cleaned of weed seeds and chaff. Even so,

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LIFE IN A MODERN LOG CABIN

Henry Fortin's cabin, 90 miles from Hudson Bay in the Canadian Arctic, is probably the most modern home of any trapper in the world. Built of pine logs, and 35 miles from its nearest neighbour, it has electric lighting, a film projector, and electrically-powered woodworking tools, as well as an up-to-date encyclopedia.

This French-Canadian trapper, who also runs a saw-mill turned by the swift-flowing South Knife River, learned all he knows about electricity and carpentry by a two-year correspondence course. And that is how the Fortin children, two boys and a girl, get much of their education. In the summer the correspondence courses are brought in with the mail by canoe from Churchill—a 250-mile trip that means hard work and hard paddling for both boys, as well as their father.

THROUGH THE SNOWS

In the winter the journey is a more direct one of about 100 miles—but more difficult. It is made by dog team through the deep snow and across windswept, frozen lakes. Yet Mrs. Fortin herself has twice made the trip by foot and without a sleigh.

The Fortins have lived in the same remote spot for 21 years and none of them want to leave and live in the city. In summer they have a countryside around them abounding in wild life, and lakes and rivers well-stocked with fish.

In winter, they have a well-filled library, with books on medicine, law, literature, and many other subjects. And the children are now learning the three languages that their father speaks.

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it's a much quicker way than the old method, and not nearly so dependent on the weather."

"It's a pity someone can't invent a small, cheap combine harvester that the small farmer could afford to buy, so that he could have all these advantages, too, isn't it?" asked Ian.

"Well," said the instructor, "what are you waiting for? After all the practice you've had on that one, I should have thought you would have invented one yourself!"

MADAM AMBASSADOR

THE film version of Call Me Madam, with Irving Berlin's delightful music, is among the very best of its kind that Hollywood has sent us, writes Eric Gillett.

Singing, dancing, acting, script, and direction are everything they should be, and Ethel Merman as Sally Adams, the new American Ambassador to the mythical little European court of Lichtenburg, gives a most amusing and sympathetic performance. She has some splendid opportunities and she makes the most of them.

Sally is an unconventional person who dislikes "stuffed shirt" diplomacy. She takes people as she finds them, and she soon comes to the conclusion that General Cosmo Constantine (George Sanders), Lichtenburg's Foreign Secretary, is very congenial indeed.

Although her principal assistant warns her that the General wants a huge American loan for his country, she goes her own way, helped by young Kenneth Gibson (Donald O'Connor), who is also on her staff.

He complicates matters by falling in love with the heiress to the throne, Princess Maria (Vera-Ellen). Their duets and dances are among the best things in the picture.

O'Connor has now become one of the best American light comedians, and Vera-Ellen dances beautifully.

These four carry the story easily to its triumphant ending.

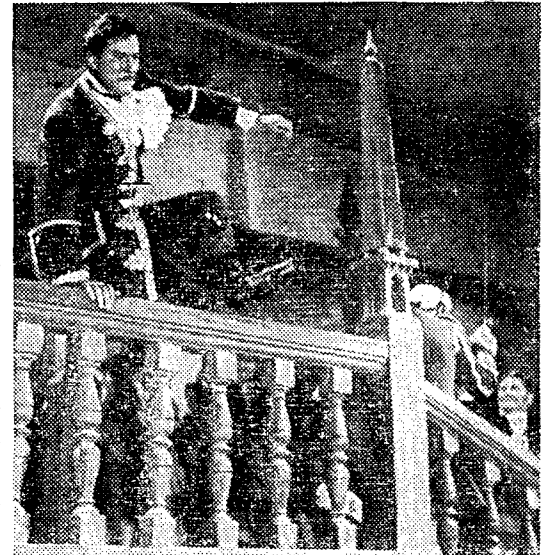
Most musicals have to overcome the handicap of an indifferent story and a poor script, but Call Me Madam is well written, has unusually effective lines, and Irving Berlin's score has some of the catchiest tunes he has written in his long career.

I commend Call Me Madam to anyone who enjoys a good musical.

WITH a very few exceptions British studios are usually much more successful than their American rivals in transferring books to the screen.

Warner Brothers have made a Technicolor version of Robert Louis Stevenson's The Master of Ballantrae, a sad and vivid book, containing some of the author's ablest writing. But the film is just another Hollywood historical travesty, though much of it was shot in Scotland. Other scenes were shot in Cornwall, Palermo, and the Mediterranean.

Errol Flynn is the Master, with Roger Livesey as his friend, Francis Burke, and Anthony Steel



Errol Flynn in a thrilling incident in The Master of Ballantrae


as his younger brother. There is a strong supporting cast, with fine performances by Beatrice Campbell, Felix Aylmer, Mervyn Johns, and Ralph Truman.

The film has not much to do with the book. It is full of sword play, fights with pirates, and a glimpse of Bonnie Prince Charlie's rebellion of 1745.

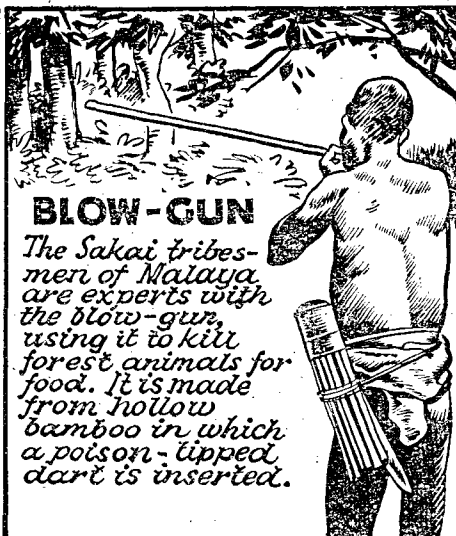
Under another title The Master of Ballantrae would pass as a spirited, routine Hollywood historical; but neither in mood nor script does it approach the high merits of Stevenson's story. It is kinder to leave it at that, and to accept it as harmless entertainment put out under the misleading title of a very fine, grim novel.

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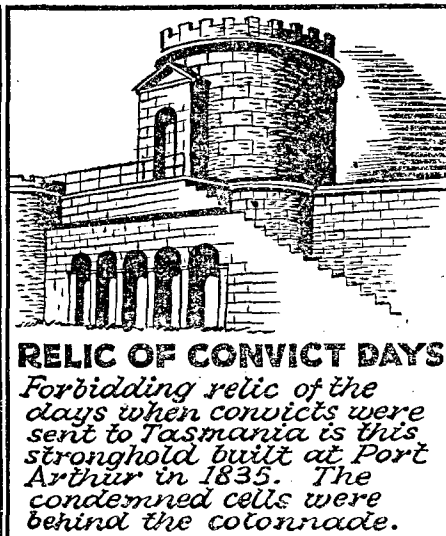
by Ridgway



SIR JAMES BROOKE
White Rajah of Sarawak, was born at Benares, in India in 1803. He conceived the idea of putting down piracy in the Malay Archipelago, and sailed for Borneo in 1838. He assisted the Governor of Sarawak in quelling a native rebellion, and as a consequence became Rajah of Sarawak. He was succeeded by his nephew in 1868. Sarawak became a Crown Colony in 1946.



BLOW-GUN
The Sakai tribesmen of Malaya are experts with the blow-gun, using it to kill forest animals for food. It is made from hollow bamboo in which a poison-tipped dart is inserted.



RELIC OF CONVICT DAYS
Forbidden relic of the days when convicts were sent to Tasmania is this stronghold built at Port Arthur in 1835. The condemned cells were behind the colonnade.



SOUTH SEA DRUM
The wooden drum used in the Gilbert Islands, mid-western Pacific, is made of a section of the trunk of a coconut palm, and has shark-skin stretched over it. The drum is ornamented with hand carving.

MELODY FROM THE PAST

Some years before the war an Austrian musician, Heinz Provost, sat in a café in Stockholm and jotted down in a quarter of an hour a melody which had just come into his head. He sent it to a film competition and then forgot about it.

The war came, and for Provost it meant poverty and later a severe illness that almost paralysed him.

Meanwhile, unbeknown to the composer, a film company had been attracted by his lilting melody and used it as the theme tune for *Intermezzo*, a picture in which the stars were the late Leslie Howard and Ingrid Bergman. Soon America and Britain were humming the tune, and the copyright payments due to the unknown composer were steadily building up into a small fortune.

Then one day Heinz Provost, now 63, heard on a neighbour's wireless the tune he had composed nearly 18 years before. Memories came flooding back, and he realised that the tune was the one he had jotted down in the Stockholm café so long ago.

Inquiries were made, and after he had established his identity, the film company handed over £10,000 which had been saved for him. After the black years of poverty and sickness, the romance of the little melody will enable Provost to live a happier life.

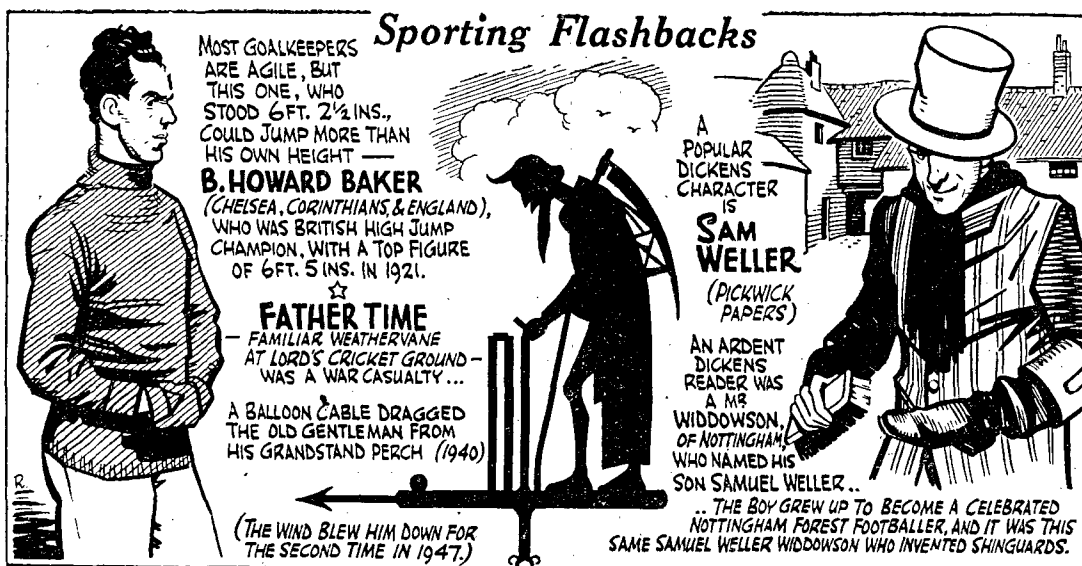
ODD STREET NAME

Surely one of the oddest-named streets is Thames Tunnel Lane at Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is over 100 miles from the Thames and is nowhere near a tunnel.

A correspondent in the British Railways Magazine explains that in 1865, when the original Thames Tunnel (from Wapping to Rotherhithe) was sold to a railway company, its road signs were taken down.

Someone from Crowland obtained one of the signs and, wondering what to do with the relic, decided to use it as a label for a lane in his home town.

Sporting Flashbacks



NELSON'S FRIEND AND NAPOLEON'S GAOLER

This week's centenaries include that of the death of one of the few of Nelson's captains who lived to see steamers replacing sailing ships. Admiral of the Fleet Sir George Cockburn, who died on August 19, 1853, spent 65 crowded years in the Royal Navy; and during that time he became Nelson's friend, Napoleon's gaoler, captured the city of Washington, became an M.P., and then ended a fine career as First Sea Lord.

Born in 1772, George Cockburn went to sea at 14, and became a lieutenant in the *Victory* at 21.

He was only 23 when he joined Captain Nelson in the Gulf of Genoa as captain of the frigate *Meleager*, moving shortly afterwards to the *Minerve*, a frigate which had been captured from the French. They became firm friends.

They had one exciting voyage together in December 1796, when Nelson hoisted his commodore's pennant in the *Minerve* and sailed from Gibraltar to Elba to superintend the relief of the garrison. On the outward passage, in company with the frigate *Blanche*, they captured two Spanish frigates close to the enemy coast.

The *Minerve* put a prize-crew aboard her captive and took off prisoners, but before she could tow

her prize away she was engaged by another Spanish vessel. This ship was repulsed, but when two enemy ships-of-the-line hove in sight the English frigates had to retire, leaving the prizes to be taken by the enemy.

On the return passage the frigates met two Spanish ships at



Sir George Cockburn

Gibraltar with the captured English sailors on board. An exchange of prisoners was carried out, one of the officers who thus returned to the *Minerve* being Lieutenant Thomas Hardy, who was with Nelson in his dying hours.

On the following evening, the *Minerve*, skilfully handled by Cockburn, passed through the Spanish fleet unnoticed, and so enabled Nelson to rejoin Admiral

Jervis's fleet off Cape St. Vincent just in time to take part in the famous battle.

Cockburn remained in the Mediterranean until the brief peace of 1802, but when war broke out again he was as active as ever.

In 1813, Cockburn was in North America, where he had penetrated with a squadron of small craft to the head of the Chesapeake River, and then, co-operating with the Army, won a series of battles against United States forces. Washington was occupied almost without opposition.

On returning to England, Cockburn was ordered to take the defeated Napoleon Bonaparte to St. Helena, and remain there as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Station—tasks he was glad to be relieved of in the following year.

When his sea service was nearly over he found a new outlet for his energies in Parliament, where he sat for more than 20 years, a period that was broken by four years as Commander-in-Chief of the North American and West India station.

Many honours were bestowed upon him, the greatest being his appointment as First Sea Lord, an office he held for five years.

SCHOOL IN A CASTLE

Lewis Castle, on the Hebridean island of Lewis, is to be opened as a technical school next month.

Youths of the island, and from the neighbouring crofting counties, will go there to take practical courses in textiles, navigation, or building construction.

The most popular feature of the navigation department is sure to be a home-made trainer for use in the teaching of navigation. Already nicknamed the Kontiki, it has been built on an old motor-car chassis and can reproduce most of the manoeuvres made by a ship at sea.

In answer to the turn of the wheel in the realistic wheelhouse, the bows of this dry-land vessel swing to port or starboard, and to add to the effect the student navigator has at hand a sailing compass, an azimuth compass, a complete set of signalling flags, and all the possible combinations of mast-head lights which a navigator must be able to interpret at night.

One of the first tasks of the pupils in the woodwork and metal-work classes will be to repair a damaged fishing boat which has been given to the school and will eventually be used by the navigation department.

GLASS FOR ALL WEATHERS

Uniform heating from the sun's rays, irrespective of the season, is claimed for a new type of glass panelling designed specially for skylights.

The glass is so made that when the sun is low in the sky, or during the winter, all of the sun's heat is refracted into the room below. When the sun is overhead during the hottest part of summer days, the heat is reflected off the skylight.

Once the glass panel is installed it will automatically adjust the amount of sunlight and heat passed through it during different periods of the day, and from season to season.

THE LOST WORLD—Picture-story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous thriller (11)



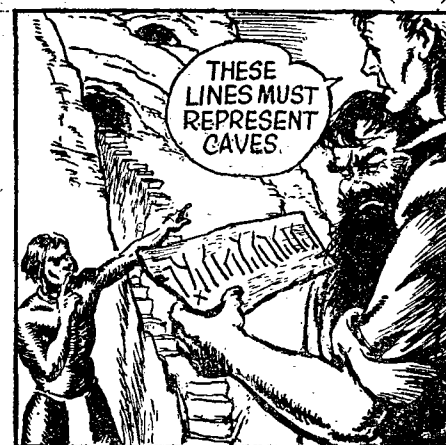
Challenger explained that his balloon was to act like a parachute. They would keep it captive with the long rope they had brought with them, and would descend one by one from the plateau to the plain. For a trial flight now he tied a heavy rock to the gasbag, and then tied their rope to the rock. Before releasing the balloon he wound the rope round his arm so that he could haul it down after the "demonstration."



He cut the lashings that held the balloon down, and it at once shot into the air, dragging not only the rock but the Professor, too. Malone had just time to throw his arms round Challenger's waist, when he too was whipped into the air. Lord John grabbed Malone's legs and was also lifted off his feet. To Summerlee on the ground it looked as though all three would go sailing over the plateau like a string of sausages.



Then the rope snapped and they fell in a heap, while Challenger's gasbag with its rock soared away rapidly into the blue. "Splendid!" cried the undaunted Challenger. "A most thorough and satisfactory demonstration! Within a week, gentlemen, I promise that a second balloon will be prepared, and that you can count on taking in safety and comfort the first stage of the homeward journey!"



The others were not keen on another balloon. But that evening an Indian who was grateful to them for saving him from the ape-men, and so wanted to help them to escape, gave them a piece of bark on which he had marked a queer set of lines. He then pointed to some caves which were used as stores. They realised he had given them a chart of these caves, and the one marked X probably led down to the plateau below.

Have they at last found a way of escape from the lost world? See next week's instalment

Continuing

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

Fred and I go to Norway with Uncle George, and go into some old mine workings that are being used secretly by an international gang called LEL. On our side are a scientist named Malcolm Murdoch and a Norwegian boy, Hans, and his sister, Greta. Maxim, the leader of the gang, is preparing to blow up the workings. Uncle George plans a breakaway, and Fred and I are getting ready for this when a submarine suddenly surfaces, and Maxim appears.

23. Ambush

WHEN Maxim stepped onto that little quay, he came within a few feet of us. He had brought half a dozen or more of his men ashore. He lowered his voice to give them orders, speaking in the strange language they always used. The men listened intently, then scattered, climbing up onto the rocks surrounding the mouth of the tunnel. Maxim seemed to know all about our party travelling down in the monorail car. This was to be an ambush.

He himself strode up and down the platform, not attempting to conceal himself. Luckily, Fred and I were well hidden from him and his followers.

"Send back a danger signal to Uncle George," whispered Fred, as he lay there flattened out against the rock. "And hand me the Flashray camera. We may as well at least get that picture of Maxim that Uncle George wanted."

There was just a chance that Uncle George might have noticed the arrival of the submarine. Though it had made so little noise, it might have been in his direct line of vision. The series of quick danger signals I sent off ought, I thought, to tell him that things were not only wrong but very wrong indeed.

Ultimatum

A few minutes later our party's monorail car emerged from the tunnel. I jumped to my feet and flashed madly with my torch, but my signals were useless. The monorail car was suddenly held in three or four strong beams of light. A fusillade of shots made it grate to a standstill. It toppled over towards the rocks where we were hiding.

Maxim's voice rose over the din. "We've not shot to kill, gentlemen. We'd prefer to have you as hostages. I give you ten seconds to come out of there and surrender."

Almost before he had stopped speaking, Hans took a flying leap out of the cabin of the monorail car, but Maxim was ready and stepped aside. As if they had rehearsed it and knew just what to do, two men leapt on Hans before he recovered his balance. Bengt Olsen, jumping to his rescue, was immediately grabbed from behind. Malcolm Murdoch, true to his avowed intention of keeping his last round for Maxim, took careful aim and fired. Maxim's torch shattered, and there was a howl of rage.

"Look," exclaimed Fred, "the submarine!"

The conning tower bobbed up

by John Pudney

beside the platform, its hatch already open and lit, another powerful light also coming from the hull. No sooner was the hatch level with the platform than Hans was picked up bodily and thrust, struggling, down it. Bengt Olsen fought fiercely, and it was as they lifted him towards the hatch that I threw my first rock.

It bounced off the hull of the submarine into the water. To my surprise, Fred had picked up the camera again and was taking shot after shot. There was, alas, nothing we could do but to bombard them with rocks and take

Coming shortly!
DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

A tale of mystery and adventure amid Alpine snows

pictures. Our three friends were hopelessly outnumbered and their assailants were armed. If we had jumped down onto the platform we could have done little enough with our bare fists.

Murdoch was dragged unconscious out of the monorail cabin while Bengt Olson was being pitched head first down the conning tower. Maxim was still standing there flourishing his shattered torch, giving orders, when Fred stopped taking pictures and, with a better aim than mine, hit him on the shin with a rock. Immediately, blinding lights were turned on us.

It's strange but true...



... that the American Beaver can fell a tree up to 16 inches in diameter.

Using its chisel-edged teeth it first cuts two parallel rows across the grain of the wood. The part between is then wrenched away. Further depths are gouged out until the tree falls over and the little animal can then make a feast of the small branches which it so much enjoys.

The beaver could be called the engineer of the animal world because of its ability in constructing dams. These are built so that a depth of water is ensured which will give the beaver an open under-water door to its lodge that it can reach underneath the ice in winter.

Fred and I ducked just in time. Bullets went skimming over us. We raised our heads again, cautiously, as soon as they stopped and the lights had gone. We were in time only to see Maxim step aboard, throwing his broken torch contemptuously into the water.

Then, with its helpless captives stowed safely below, the submarine sped up the channel, submerging slowly as it went. The little platform was silent. The monorail car lay there, its undercarriage shattered, the bulky samples spilled from its derailed truck.

"What are we going to do, Fred?"

"Try to contact Uncle George?"

I stood up and flashed: Please signal.

The reply came back faintly, but we managed to spell it out—What's wrong?

Party ambushed, we sent.

Come towards my light, came the reply.

The light then remained steady, and Fred and I turned back across the rocks. We used our own flashlight to work out some sort of route round the various inlets, keeping as near the water as possible. From time to time our guiding light winked impatiently, and once I stopped to signal: Can't come quicker.

There was no reply to this signal. "I expect he's posted Greta somewhere with the torch to guide us in," Fred said. "She won't understand Morse."

Race against time

The trouble was that the nearer we went to the water's edge, the more slippery the rocks became, and very soon both of us were cut and bleeding. But it was a race against time, and we just had to press on at all costs. We cheered when we heard an engine start up.

"Uncle George has got one of the craft going," Fred said.

To our great joy, a few minutes later, coming over the crest of a ridge, we came face to face with Uncle George.

"You've taken the dickens of a long time," he said fiercely. "They were ambushed?"

"And taken off in a submarine, Uncle George. Maxim called on them to surrender as hostages."

"That means he's going to run them straight out to that base ship of theirs, blow this place to smithereens and defy us until he gets away," said Uncle George.

"We tried to do what we could..."

"I'm sure you did," said Uncle George, "but that's enough now. I'm going to blow up the channel."

Complaining bitterly of his twinges, his arm still in a sling, his right leg still bearing its chain, Uncle George led us on. We were amazed at his agility over the slippery rocks, though he told us that it was all due to his having been a rock climber as a youth.

Greta had been stationed on a high promontory rock, on the other side of which was a pool.

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DAVID ALLEN, 17-year-old off-spin bowler, playing in only his fourth County cricket match for Gloucestershire, was carried shoulder-high from the Bristol wicket by his former chums from Cotham Grammar School after he had been instrumental in defeating Surrey by taking six wickets for 13 runs.

THE cycling record of 422 miles in 24 hours set up by Mrs. Edith Atkins, of Coventry, did not remain a record for long. Mrs. Eileen Sheridan has since cycled from Land's End to London to set up a new record for that distance, and, continuing her ride, she covered 444½ miles in 24 hours. Mrs. Atkins is an amateur, while Mrs. Sheridan rides as a professional.

ALTHOUGH he was not considered good enough to receive official county coaching, 15-year-old M. L. Booth of Cheshire has won the under-16 singles title in the schoolboys' lawn tennis championship.

SALLY BROWN, a 13-year-old schoolgirl, has been chosen to represent New Zealand in an international ski-ing competition against Australia.

BILLY LARRAKEYAH, an Aborigine, had never seen a javelin before he made his first throw—but he set up a new Australian record with a distance of 197 feet 5 inches, at Darwin.

MORE of last season's British schoolboy international footballers are joining well-known League clubs. Maurice Pratt, 16-year-old West London schools' outside-left, who gained 14 English representative honours, has joined Fulham as an amateur, while Chelsea have signed on six of these 16-year-old schoolboy "caps." They are David Bannister (Maidenhead and England); Roy Cunningham (Saltcoats and Scotland); Colin Court and Michael Hughes (Ebbw Vale and Wales), and Brian Thomas and Gareth Willis (Swansea and Wales).

BRITAIN'S mile runners are to follow their successful attack on the four-by-one mile world record with an attempt on the four-by-1500-metres record. The attempt will be made at a floodlit meeting at the White City on September 23.

THE world cycling championships of 1953 begin on Saturday at Oerlikon, Zurich, with the track events. Reg Harris, Britain's greatest sprinter, will be striving to regain the professional title he lost last year in Paris to Oscar Plattner, and in the amateur sprint our hopes rest on 23-year-old Cyril Peacock, from Tooting, who recently gained the British title.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD **TONY MAKIN**, who last year had such a successful season in show-jumping with his chestnut pony Springbok, is having another good season. The pair recently won the Juvenile Championship Jumping competition at the White City, London. Tony is now juvenile National Champion, North of England Champion, and Midlands Champion, and has won several other important competitions.

THE **JOHN FISHER SCHOOL** has produced another champion in Michael Martin, who, in the A.A.A. junior championships at Cardiff, threw the hammer 168 feet 7½ inches, over 12 feet more than the previous record.



Michael Lanning, aged 17, of Hampton Grammar School, Middlesex. He holds the British junior javelin-throwing record of 215 feet 2½ inches, and is here seen at practice.

OF the 521 boys at the Sir George Monoux Grammar School, Walthamstow, Essex, only 24 are unable to swim. The sports master hopes eventually to teach all the boys.

DAVID HAM, aged 12, of Long Close School, Slough, is an outstanding all-round athlete. This year he has won three gymnastic medals, was runner-up for the Victor Ludorum athletics cup, and was the school swimming champion, winning all four events in which he entered.

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

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The machine ticking over in the pool was not, as we supposed, a speedboat, but an aircraft. Uncle George led us all onto a slipway.

"In view of everything that has happened," he said, "I'm going to abandon those samples. I want Greta to go aboard and you two boys to take lines and hold her well in under cover of these rocks while I blow up the channel. When I do, you'll have to hold on like mad, as there'll probably be something like a tidal wave. Once that's died down I want you to pull her in so that we can all get aboard." With that he left us.

The aircraft was similar to the one in which Robin Murdoch made his escape. It was quite small and light, with swept-back delta wings. It responded easily enough when we pulled on the lines. The engines were ticking over evenly. We helped Greta aboard. "There'll be only just room for all four of us," she said.

We were manoeuvring the aircraft under the lee of the rocks when the explosion took place. It started with a sound like tearing silk. Then the air was suddenly full of dust and flying stones. The water in the pool came swirling and gurgling up. Fred slipped and vanished beneath the tidal wave. He clung to his line, however. I dared not let go of mine until I

SHOOTING THE RAPIDS

Steering his home-made folding canoe down a rock-strewn torrent at Merano in Italy, 18-year-old Paul Farrant of Ickenham in Middlesex gained top marks among the four members of the British team in the world canoe-slalom championships.

Though such a young canoeist, and not used to the wild water of mountain streams, he beat experts from seven other countries where there are plenty of rapids in which to practise. The course was 500 metres long, and as well as rocks and rapids there were rope gates to negotiate. He was placed 43rd out of 80 canoeists.

The British team of four which competed in the folding boat singles was eighth among 15 countries—a very creditable effort, as this kind of canoe work is in its infancy in Britain. The winners were Austria.

The international canoe-slalom championships are held every two years.

RELAY RACE FOR 1848 ATHLETES

An unusual relay race has been held at Dniepropetrovsk in the Ukraine. Altogether 77 teams of runners, rowers, swimmers, and cyclists took part over a nine-mile course of land and water, each team comprising 16 men and eight women.

Swimmers covered laps of 200 metres and 300 metres, the rowers had to cover 3200 metres (nearly two miles), and the runners and cyclists raced over distances between these two extremes. The River Dnieper was crossed twice during the course of the race.

had made it fast round a spur of rock. Then I was able to pull Fred back onto the slipway. But my own line snapped as the water subsided again, and we were both being dragged gradually down into the water when Uncle George came rushing up and added his weight to the line.

"Bring her in, and all aboard!" We ducked under the wing as it grazed the slipway. Uncle George and I gave a helping hand to Fred, who was half drowned and spewing out seawater. We pushed him into the aircraft with Greta.

"Slam that watertight door behind us," shouted Uncle George, slipping into the pilot's seat.

He let out the engines, and we sped round the pool towards the channel. But we were going forward with awkward zig-zag movements and Uncle George began to make furious noises.

"Is there anything wrong?" I said.

"Nothing wrong with the machine! It's me! This left arm of mine and my gammy leg... We'll have to change places."

He steadied the throttle with his good hand. "You'll have to come into the pilot's seat... Do just what I tell you and take over. Don't look so gormless. Get a move on!"

To be concluded

The Children's Newspaper, August 22, 1953

PIONEERS OF THE FAR SOUTH

The adventures of explorers who first ventured into a region of the Earth then less known than the nearest surface of the Moon, are described in Arthur Scholes's book, *Seventh Continent* (published by Allen & Unwin at one guinea).

Mr. Scholes is chiefly concerned with the part played by men from Australia and New Zealand in finding out what lay behind the icy ramparts and lofty mountains of Antarctica. He himself lived on Heard Island and served with the expedition of R.R.S. *Discovery II*.

He writes of little-known adventurers who struggled and suffered in the quest for knowledge of the Great White Continent; of men who saw icebergs 90 miles long, who were the first human beings to step ashore and live in huts on the blizzard-torn coast of the Far South.

Strange experiences awaited them. They saw an iceberg born from a glacier: "With a deafening

roar a huge body of ice plunged into the sea, and a white cloud of water and snow hid everything from view."

Then a wave 20 feet high rushed towards the beach where they stood spellbound. They were engulfed in icy water, but saved themselves by clinging to the rocky face of the cliff.

Sometimes they were trapped in blizzards which made ice-pads form in their eye-sockets. Sometimes they witnessed the queer St. Elmo's fire, an electrical phenomenon which at night made their clothes, noses, and finger-tips glow with a weird pale-blue light.

They were the men who had to learn how to live in a frozen world, as well as steadfastly to seek scientific knowledge of it. They suffered great hardships and a few never returned, but they broke a trail which led eventually to the South Pole.

Mr. Scholes's book gives them the credit that is their due.

STAMP NEWS

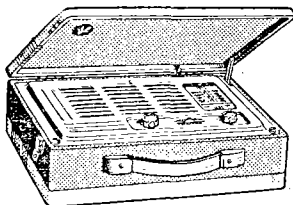
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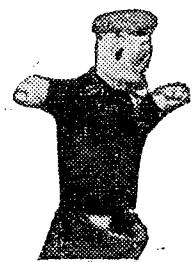
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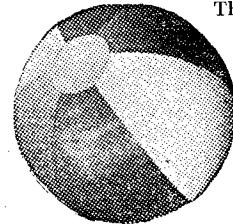
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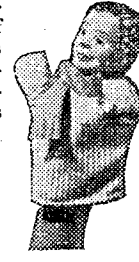
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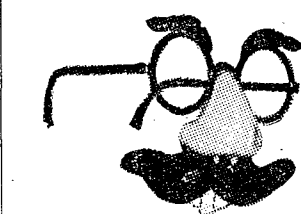
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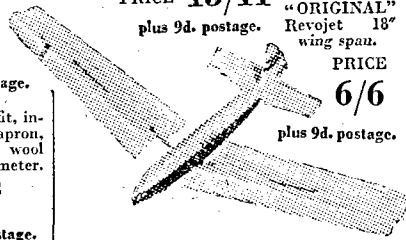
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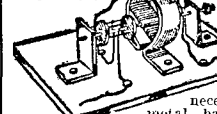


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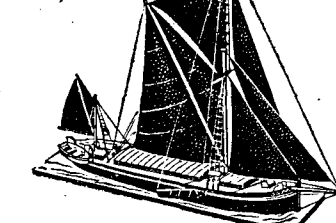
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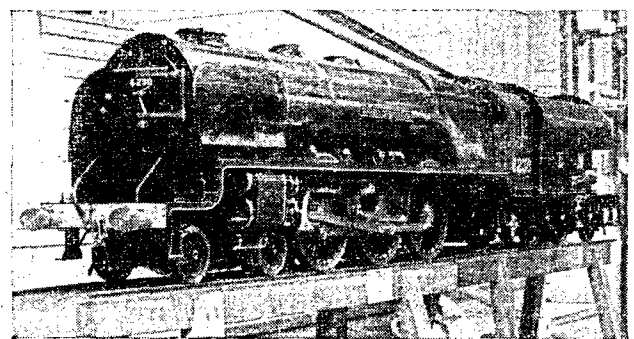
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All at once a deafening hoot sent him hiding among the yellow water flags near the river brim. But it was only the daily steamer hooting to tell the lock-keeper to open the lock gates.

Philip stayed where he was, however, until the waves the steamer made came slapping and sloshing into his hiding-place. Then he fled into the field again, rather wishing that he had stayed at home.

But now the second part of his adventure began. For in a muddy hollow near the bank's edge he spotted a creature he had never seen before. It was

leaping and somersaulting most comically.

"Whatever is it?" he whispered to a passing starling.

"Couldn't say. I'm a stranger here myself," he said, and on he went.

Then came a blackbird, then a thrush, then a lark, but none of them knew what it was. At last one of the Reed-birds who lived by the river came along.

He knew, of course.

"It's a fish," he cried. "I expect one of that steamer's waves washed it up here, and it can't get back into the river. It often happens."

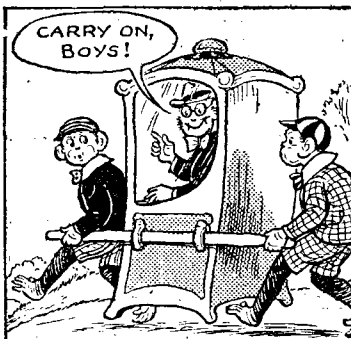
"Poor fish!" chirruped Philip loudly, bending over it. And the fish was so startled at this that he gave an even bigger leap, and this time slithered into the river.

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JANE THORNCROFT



JACKO AND CHIMP MAKE LIGHT OF HEAVY WORK

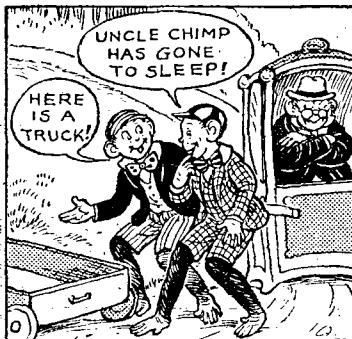


The chums found that carrying Uncle in his sedan chair was heavy work.

What is the word . . .

. . . of five letters from which if you take away two successive letters only one remains?

Answer next week



When Uncle dozed off they took a rest—and a truck gave them an idea.

Double meaning

The two missing words are similarly pronounced, but have different meanings. Can you find what they are?

THE picture showed our Great Aunt Jane,
With jewelled — upon her shoes,
Surrounded by a ring of —,
From which she found it hard to choose.

Answer next week

Down to the sea

THE Amazon rushes into the Atlantic Ocean with such force that a fresh-water current is found 300 miles from its mouth.

The waters of its neighbour, the River Plate, enter the Atlantic with even greater velocity. They can be found twice that distance at sea and over a breadth of 800 miles.

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two letters of the next, and so on.

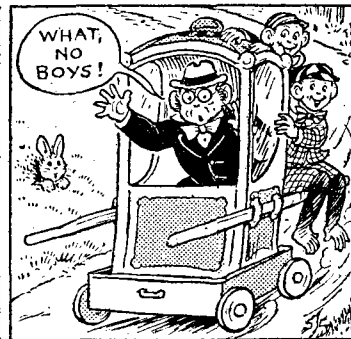
1 Semi-precious stone which, owing to minute internal cracks, shows a remarkable play of colours according to the angle from which it is seen.

2 Agricultural State of America between Georgia and Mississippi; known as the Cotton State.

3. Island in the Indian Ocean, 250 miles from Africa; the fifth largest island in the world; belongs to France.

4. Name of a 19th-century father and son; the father was a famous headmaster of Rugby, the son was a poet, critic, and school inspector.

Answer next week



Easier for the boys, of course, but quite a shock for Uncle when he awoke!

What's their line?

CAN you discover the different trades or professions of five people by finding the answers to the clues below?

A bill plus busy insect.
Perform plus heraldic gold.
Mongrel dog plus consumed.
A store plus helper.
Grows on head plus sideboard.

Answer next week

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Volume of maps. 5 Emergency signal. 8 Anger. 9 Give an opinion. 11 Grassland. 12 Person with leprosy. 13 Behind. 15 Inflamed swelling on eyelid. 16 Article. 19 Fruit. 21 Expert. 24 Tree. 26 Punctuation mark. 27 Prosecute. 28 Snake-like fish. 29 Change.

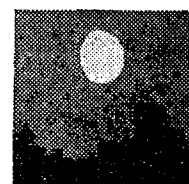
READING DOWN. 1 Be ill. 2 Outing. 3 Most trees are this. 4 Flat fish. 5 Drink slowly. 6 Single. 7 Part of the blood. 10 Danger. 14 Time. 15 Room. 17 You may like it at breakfast. 18 Result. 20 Volcanic mountain. 22 Female deer. 23 Old measure. 25 Feminine pronoun. Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Saturn is in the south-west. In the morning

Venus and Jupiter are in the south-east, and Mars is in the east. The picture shows the Moon, as it will appear at 9 p.m. on Thursday, August 20.

No walking stick
"WHY do you always carry an umbrella?" queried a person known for his inquisitiveness. "Because," came the retort, "it cannot walk."



Name it

Here are nine clues to nine sea-side resorts. Can you name them?

NOT north, east, or west and not at the start.
Holiday home for a horse.
Vessel weight.
Father sheep's entrance.
Transaction.
Inky pond.
Chief of colliery.
Going west on a special horse.
Hill wharf.

Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

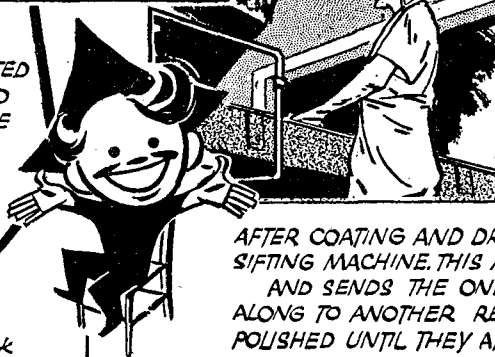
The same five. Tales, stale, steal, teal's, least.

Riddle in rhyme. Wallflower
Chain Quiz. Elegy, gyroscope, Percy, Cyprus

The Story of WRIGLEY'S Chewing Gum

9. Sorting and Polishing the Pellets

LAST TIME WE SAW HOW THE CHEWING GUM PELLETS WERE COATED WITH PURE CANE SUGAR AND DRIED IN HUGE REVOLVING DRUMS AT THE WRIGLEY FACTORY AT WEMBLEY. THIS TIME I WILL TELL YOU HOW THEY ARE SORTED AND POLISHED.



AFTER COATING AND DRYING, THE PELLETS GO TO THE SIFTING MACHINE. THIS MACHINE SORTS THE PELLETS OUT AND SENDS THE ONES THAT ARE RIGHT FOR SIZE ALONG TO ANOTHER REVOLVING DRUM. HERE THEY ARE POLISHED UNTIL THEY ARE SMOOTH AND GLISTENING WHITE.

NEXT TIME YOU PAY YOUR 2P FOR A PACKET—THINK OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO MAKE WRIGLEY'S REFRESHING DELICIOUS CHEWING GUM. BUY SOME TODAY!



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